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NEW AIRPORT AT BANGALORE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new airport at Bangalore has started functioning and is facing various problems;

(b) if so,the details of various facilities available at the new airport for the passengers and freight traffic and the number of flights likely to be handled by it;

(c) whether it is proposed to expand its functions in the near future;

(d) if so,the details thereof;

(e) whether there is shortage of staff at the new Bangalore airport;and

(f) if so,the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b): The new airport at Devenahalli (Bangalore) has started its operation from 24th May 2008.The airport is equipped with the required facilities which include a 4000 Mts long Runway, taxiways,42 aircraft stands,Passenger Terminal with modern IT facilities,car park,ATC Tower, cargo handling facilities with an annual capacity to handle about 3 lakhs tonnes of cargo,2 flight kitchens,etc.The annual passenger handling capacity of the airport is about 10 million.

(c)&(d): Yes,Sir.The airport is committed to increase its capacity in the coming years,which primarily includes expansion of Passenger Terminal capacity,construction of a parallel 2nd runway. The airport has sufficient land for expansion.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.